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SUBJECT: Symington Hearings, GRC Volume 3

I, in company with Bob Monahan, DOD, today showed Mr. Pincus Volume 3 of the GRC hearings on intelligence related matters and told him we were ready to release only pg 17, l. 21 - pg 20, l. 16 and pg 26, l. 1 - pg 27, l. 12, dealing with non-intelligence matters.

He tried to get us to agree to the release of the section beginning with Fulbright's question on pg 15, l. 21, deleting the word "flights," and leading to an exchange between Fulbright and McConaughy on whether overflights would stimulate the Chinese Communists to preparatory military activities.

I responded that our deletions of the overflight section was based on the desire not to exacerbate relations with Communist China, or harm those with the GRC, or to prejudice possible operations in the future if necessary. I said our deletion of the psyops section was because it dealt with current operations.

Mr. Pincus said that overflights of mainland China by the U.S., had been alleged by the Chicom press, and so the exchange on whether this was an aggravation by the U.S. should be published. I said sharply that it was clear from McConaughy's testimony that no such flights now came from the GRC. Mr. Pincus pressed further, and said he would see whether there had not been a full Committee letter to the Secretary on drones, or whether the point had not been raised in the Unger testimony. He believed the question of drones over China needed an airing.

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I feel certain we will see further efforts for publicity on this question of overflights of China, in this and subsequent hearings. (Compare Senator Fulbright's letter to the Secretary of December 1, 1969, and reply of 12/15.)

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